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1. OUR INITIAL ROUND OF CONTACTS HAS NOT TURNED UP VERY USEFUL LEADS FOR DATA PROCESSING ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS ENVISAGED IN REFTEL. FOLLOW:
(A) GOVERNMENT -- DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH MICHAEL JOHNSON OF DOI, WHO KNEW OF NO USEFUL SOURCES WITHIN GOVERNMENT.
(B) RUDOLF WOLFF & COMPANY -- CALLED DAVID WAITE, WHO SAID COMPUTERIZATION NOT USED ON PHYSICALS BY HIS FIRM. RUDOLF WOLFF DOES MAINTAIN A RAPID COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR MARKETING DATA FOR CUSTOMERS, BUT WAITE FELT THIS SERVICE , INCLUDING LME MOVEMENTS, WOULD READILY BE AVAILABLE COMMERCIALLY FROM US FIRMS. WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS ASPECT ONLY IF DEPARTMENT INTERESTED.
(C) WORLD BUREAU OF METAL STATISTICS -- TELEPHONED DAVIES IN BIRMINGHAM. HE IS NOT COMPUTERIZED, BUT DOES MAINTAIN EXCELLENT DATA COMPILED IN TRADITIONAL MANNER. HE CLAIMS TO BE BEST SOURCE OF PRIMARY DATA ON COPPER IN WORLD (THEY FURNISHED DATA, DAVIES SAID, TO CRU FOR THEIR COPPER STUDIES). LESS GOOD ON OTHER NON-FERROUS METALS. WHILE BUREAU NOT PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED FOR COMPUTER NOT, DAVIES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLY
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COLLABORATING. HE SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT PURSUE MATTER,

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IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WITH THEIR CORRESPONDENT IN U.S., BILL LAMBERT, AMERICAN BUREAU OF METAL STATISTICS.
(D) LME -- WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED LME AND DOUBT THEY HAVE RESOURCES. ST JOHN MAY WISH DISCUSS AT TIME OF HIS VISIT, OCTOBER 6. COULD ALSO DISCUSS WITH BEN GUNN OF BANK OF ENGLAND.

2. WE NOTE DEPARTMENT DID NOT INCLUDE COMMODITIES RESEARCH UNIT. WAS THIS INTENTIONAL? OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT CRU IS MORE ANALYSIS ORIENTED THAN DATA COLLECTION ORIENTED, BUT PERLMAN SURELY KNOWS LOCAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS ANYONE HERE. WE WILL CONTACT IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES.

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